

# Massachusetts Youth Racing Rules

## December 15, 2025

### **Overview**

Racing will follow the current Alpine Competition Rules of U.S. Ski and Snowboard.

### **Seeding**

To provide relatively equal course conditions, the seed order will change for each run as follows:

SL & GS races:

Run 1 – entire field is randomized

Run 2 – entire field will be flipped (by bib order) with the highest # bib going first

Parallel race

Run 1 – seeded by season standings to date

Run 2 – reverse bib order

Bracket Round – top 8 per gender/age group

In combined age group races, the run order will be U12 girls, U12 boys, U14 girls and U14 boys.

### **Ranking**

Results are gathered from each individual run during a race and for the combined result of those two runs, using place points. Each race provides 3 results: 1<sup>st</sup> Run, 2<sup>nd</sup> Run, Combined Race. Place points are awarded for the finish position (i. e. 1 point for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.). An absence, or NPS, DNF, DNS, DSQ in any run, or an incomplete combined finish, is assigned a place point rank of 990. Ties will not be broken. If there are fewer than 10 possible results (i. e. only 3 races), ranking will use one less than half of the total number of runs.

### **U12 Post-Season**

The TSASRA U12 Championships are open to all athletes who have raced in at least one of the regular season races. Seeding, and selection for events such as the Francis Piche Invitational at Gunstock NH (“Piche”), will be determined by the end of season rankings for this series (best 5 results).

### **U14 Post-Season**

The TSASRA U14 Championships March 1-2 at Berkshire East will be open to all active Tri-State U14 members who have attended at least 2 qualifying races during the season. Seeding will be based on the season long standings in the 5 race qualifier series, using the lowest value of the 7 best individual results from the 15 possible results during the season. Selection for the U14 Eastern Championships will be determined by the Tri-State Championship finish results (currently best single run/result from each of SL and GS). U14 Eastern Finals March 15-16, also at Berkshire East, will be open to all competitors not attending Eastern Championships.